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1. I INFORMED PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER AND CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR NAIM APRIL 30, PER REF B, THAT TWO NEW USAID PROJECTS IN THE HELMAND VALLEY HAD BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. I GAVE HIM SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE TWO PROJECTS AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR BOTH OF US TO ASSIGN TO THE VALLEY FIRST-RATE PEOPLE. WITH RESPECT TO THE SURVEY PROJECT, I SAID THAT THAT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SLOWER IN GETTING UNDERWAY SO THAT WE COULD BE CERTAIN WE WOULD COORDINATE WITH THE SIMILAR SURVEY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. I ALSO INFORMED HIM, PER REF A, OF THE APPROVAL OF THE RURAL WORKS AND RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECTS.

2. NAIM EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT THE NEWS STATING THAT AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS IMPORTANT TO AFGHANISTAN NOT ONLY FOR ITSELF BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS INDICATION OF AMERICAN
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MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF AFGHAN-

ISTAN. WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THE
HELMAND VALLEY, NAIM STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AMER-
ICANS THERE WHO WERE SENSITIVE IN EVERY WAY TO AFGHANISTAN'S
CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT.
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